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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE
STATE COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM TO
IDENTIFY ISSUES AND PROBLEMS AND PROPOSE INITIATIVES TO
IMPROVE THE SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for
2 administering and maintaining the State Comprehensive Emergency
3 Medical Services System by planning, coordinating, and providing
4 assistance to all public and private entities and agencies
5 involved in the state system, and ensuring that all emergency
6 medical services or ambulance services conducted by or under the
7 authorization of the Department of Health or any county are
8 consistent with part XVII, chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
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11 WHEREAS, the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services
12 System provides for the arrangement of personnel, facilities,
13 and equipment, primarily in the pre-hospital setting, for the
14 effective and coordinated delivery of health care services under
15 emergency conditions, regardless of whether the emergency
16 condition occurs as a result of the patient's condition, natural
17 disasters, or other causes; and

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19 WHEREAS, the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services
20 System provides personnel, personnel training, communications,
21 emergency transportation, facilities, coordination with
22 emergency medical and critical care services, coordination and
23 use of available public safety agencies, promotion of consumer
24 participation, accessibility to care, mandatory standard medical
25 recordkeeping, consumer information and education, independent
26 review and evaluation, disaster linkage, mutual aid agreements,
27 and other components necessary to meet the purposes of the state
28 comprehensive system; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for
31 establishing standards for emergency medical services and for
32 emergency medical service systems consistent with the State
33 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System and applicable
34 federal guidelines for such services, and the regulation of



1 ambulances within the State, including the certification of
2 vehicles, equipment, supplies, and communication systems; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory
5 Committee is administratively attached to the Department of
6 Health to serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of
7 Health on all matters relating to the State Comprehensive
8 Emergency Medical Services System; and
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10 WHEREAS, in consultation with the State Emergency Medical
11 Services Advisory Committee, the Department of Health is
12 responsible for determining the levels of emergency medical
13 services that are implemented in each county and is authorized
14 to contract to provide emergency medical services, including
15 emergency aeromedical services, or any necessary component of a
16 county emergency services system in accordance with the State
17 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for
20 establishing reasonable fees for services rendered to the public
21 by the Department of Health, any county, or private agency; and
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23 WHEREAS, to fulfill the duties of the Emergency Medical
24 Services and Injury Prevention System Branch, it is imperative
25 that the Department of Health strive to ensure that the State
26 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System is efficiently
27 maintained and effectively provides emergency services; now,
28 therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
31 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the
32 Department of Health is requested to conduct a study on the
33 State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System to
34 identify issues and problems and propose initiatives to improve
35 the system; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
38 requested to submit a written report of its findings and
39 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
40 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
41 the Regular Session of 2020; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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